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Buffalo District

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FACT SHEET

Title/Name: Emergency Regional Permit 99-000-1

Project Description: On 14 July 2010, District Commander LTC Daniel B. Snead reissued Regional Permit 99-000-1. The permit authorizes dredging in navigable waters and the discharge of dredged or fill material, including those discharges associated with excavation activities, into waters of the United States to facilitate the remediation of sites that were damaged as a result of major storm events. The permit is activated by the District Commander as needed in response to these major storm events. This action was processed under a full public interest review including Federal and State Resource agencies and the general public. All comments were considered under this review and incorporated, as necessary to further safeguard the environment. On June 18, 2015, the permit was extended until January 14, 2016 while the USACE, Buffalo and New York Districts works with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the development of a statewide Programmatic General Permit for Emergency events.

Purpose: This Regional Permit was developed to enhance our emergency response capabilities. The purpose of this regional permit was to reduce paperwork and improve efficiency without compromising environmental values or the needs and welfare of the general public.

Location: Waters of New York State located within the Buffalo District jurisdiction.

Authority: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act

Current Status: Recent severe weather with significantly higher than normal rainfall has occurred throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Wyoming Counties, New York between July 13-14, 2015, resulting in flooding and subsequently adverse affects to streams. The Corps has contacted all potentially affected Soil and Water Conservation Districts, who have indicated that permitting needs are likely as a result of the storm related damage. Once activated, the Regulatory Branch Chief may add additional counties to this activation as they are identified.

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